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1. EMBOFF INFORMED THAT GOS TENTATIVELY PLANNING FOLLOWING REPRESENTATION AT ICAO CONFERENCE: GENERAL ARTURO MONTEL, SUBSECRETARY FOR CIVIL AVIATION, MINISTRY OF AIR (PLANS TO HEAD DELEGATION FROM APRIL 13 TO ABOUT APRIL 16); BRIGADIER GENERAL DIEGO YNIGUEZ, DIRCETOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT (PLANS REPLACE MONTEL AS DELEGATION CHIEF ABOUT APRIL 16); FANCISCO FERNANDEZ FABREGAS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; COLONEL MANUEL GARCIA BENITO, COMMERCIAL AVIATION SECTION; ONE OR TWO OTHERS FROM MINISTRY OF AIR PLUS ADVISORS FROM IBERIA. PLANS FOR ATTENDANCE BY MONTEL AND YNIGUEZ ESPECIALLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CLOSE INVOLVEMENT WITH INVESTIGATION OF TENERIFE KLM/PANAM ACCIDENT.

2.EMBOFF MARCH 31 DISCUSSED US STATEMENT WITH FERNANDEZ FABREGAS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MFA. ACCORDING TO FERNANDEZ GOS AGREES FULLY WITH US POSITION THAT ALL FOUR AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER. GENERAL POSITION OF GOS ON QUESTIONS OF CAPACITY/FARES WELL KNOWN TO USG, AS MOST RECENTLY EXPLAINED DURING MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF MARCH 14-18. FERNANDEZ SAID GOS WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH LARGE LOSSES SUFFERED BY IBERIA ON US-SPAIN ROUTE DURING PAST YEARS. FIGURES HE PROVIDED WERE \$10 MILLION (1975) AND \$6 MILLION (1976).

AT SAME TIME FERNANDEZ CLAIMS THAT TWA, WITH TWICE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, MADE MONEY ON THEIR ROUTE. SPANISH ATTRIBUTE THIS DIFFERENCE ENTIRELY TO TWA'S FIFTHE FREEDOM RIGHTS UNDER 1973 BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

- 3. FERNANDEZ FABREGAS SAID THAT GOS VIEWED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL BULK FARES USING ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF CAPACITY OF IBERIA FLIGHTS, AS TYPE OF RECIPROCITY FOR IMBALANCE IN BENEFITS DERIVED BY US AIRLINES UNDER FIFTH-FREEDOM RIGHTS. UNLESS SOME MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO REDUCE LARGE IBERIA LOSSES, FERNANDEZ SAID THAT "VERY PROBABLY" GOS WILL BE FORCED TO RECONSIDER 1973 AGREEMENT. PRESSURE FROM SPANISH TAX-PAYERS "ESPECIALLY WITH INTRODUCTION OF DEMOCRACY" WILL INCREASE AGAINST FURTHER SUPPORT OF UNPROFITABLE ROUTE. EMBOFF ASKED IF ANY FIRM PLANS WERE BEING CONSIDERED TO REQUEST TERMINATION UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF AGREEMENT AND WAS TOLD THAT STATEMENT OF RECONSIDERATION WAS MORE A PERSONAL VIEW AT THIS POINT.
- 4. IN DDITION TO ABOVE POINTS FERNANDEZ REFERRED TO FACT THAT SPANISH AIRLINES USE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY US MANUFACTURED AIRCRAFT. HE SUGGESTED THAT USG SHOULD BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL LOSS OF FUTURE SALES TO SPANISH AIRLINES IF THEY FORCED TO REDUCE ACTIVITY. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT CAB CONCERNED WITH MORE LIMITED PROBLEM OF AIR TRAFFIC, BUT THAT HE SURE OVERALL IMPLICATIONS BEING CONSIDERED.
- 5. COPY OF US STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY EMBOFF APRIL 1 TO GENERAL YNIGUEZ. YNIGUEZ WAS ENTIRELY OCCUPIED WITH MATTERS RELATING TO KLM/PANAM ACCIDENT AND COULD NOT DISCUSS MATTER. HOWEVER EMBOFF'S HOPE TO MEET WITH YNIGUEZ AND PERHAPS OTHER SPANISH DELEGATES BEFORE APRIL 11 DEPARTURE TO SOLICIT THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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